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Staff meeting. One of the subjects under discussion was the improved continental early warning system, [redacted] to be taken up at a National Security Council meeting tomorrow. This is a most promising development, but would be [redacted] costly, and Defense has apparently raised some objections to paying for it.

I had a long talk with Bob Joyce about Bedell Smith's paper for the reorganization of PSB. He is to confer with [redacted] people in the Department on this subject.

I went to see the President at 12:30, [redacted] discussed the early warning system and obtained his permission to bring Paul Nitze to tomorrow's NSC meeting.

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I stopped for lunch at the Metropolitan Club.

This afternoon the new Czech Ambassador Dr. Karel Petrzelka came to see me. We had a [redacted] short interview, in the course of which I told him [redacted] I did not see how our two Governments could entertain [redacted] cordial relations while Oatis was incarcerated in jail in Czechoslovakia.

Graham Martin talked to me about the form that foreign aid legislation might take at the next Congress.

Bill Draper is here [redacted]. He came to see me with George

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Perkins and raised a number of questions. It was agreed I would telephone George Humphrey of the M. A. Hanna Company in Cleveland, try to get him down here, and see whether he would be agreeable to paying a visit to Europe where, in a private capacity, he would study the operations of the Schuman coal and steel community.

Morris Ernst came to see me. He wanted to talk about what would be done in Morocco now that the International Court had decided our case with the French. He also offered to be helpful in any way he could with Attorney-General McGranery in connection with the oil cartel case.

Eric Johnston came in and we discussed TCA. He also asked me why distribution to him of the Department's Economic Bulletin had been stopped. I told him it had no circulation outside the Department, that it contained secret reports on many matters under negotiation that were not of interest to him and, in short, he never should have been on the distribution list. He accepted this explanation, but said he thought he was as entitled to it as Stan Andrews of TCA, and perhaps they both better be stricken off the list.

We took the boys with us, and had dinner tonight with Kay Halle,, whose birthday it was. She had just returned to Washington after spending the summer in Cleveland. We had a gay time with the Ellistons and Air Chief Marshal Elliot. I had my usual row with Herbert over Tunisia.

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